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REQUEST FOR FILING APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)
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This is a request for filing a new PATENT APPLICATION under Rule 53(b) entitled:

CONTACT AREA-SENSOR

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This application is made by the below identified inventor(s). Attached hereto are the following papers:

- ☐ Newly executed Declaration, ☐ Copy of Declaration from prior application, ☒ Abstract
☐ Please **delete** the following inventors in the continuation/division/continuation-in-part application:

Deleted persons:

42 pages of specification and claims (including 14 numbered claims), and

13 sheets of accompanying drawing/s.

☐ Attached is a Power of Attorney.

☒ Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on the following foreign applications:

Application Number	Country	Day/Month/Year Filed
2002-280491	Japan	26 September 2002
2003-208252	Japan	21 August 2003

, respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application..

☐ Certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) is/are attached.

☐ Certified copy(ies) filed on _____ in prior application no. _____ filed _____

☐ This application claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. _____, filed _____, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.

☐ This application is a ☐ continuation/☐ division/☐ continuation-in-part of Application No. _____, filed _____, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.

☐ Petition filed in prior application to extend its life to insure co-pendency.

☐ The prior application is assigned to _____, _____, _____

☐ It is hereby requested that the Examiner consider the art cited in the above parent application(s) by applicant and/or the Examiner for the reasons stated therein. A listing of that art is attached, but pursuant to Rule 98(d) copies are not required.

☐ Applicant claims "small entity" status. ☐ "Small entity" statement attached.

☐ Please enter the attached and/or below preliminary amendment **prior** to calculation of filing fee:

☒ Also attached: ☒ Information Disclosure Statement; ☐ Non-Publication Request; ☐ Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission; ☐ Statement deleting Inventor(s) named in prior application; ☒ Other: **Form PTO-1449 and cited references**

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